users. Publicity campaign has been launched by the Railway Administration through the media.

(c) The number of accidents at unmanned level crossings during the last 3 years and casualties there'n were as under:

| Year | No. of accidents | Casualties | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Killed | Injured |
| 1983-84 . . . . . | 52 | 75 | 196 |
| 1984-85 . . . . . | 43 | 115 | 191 |
| 1985-86 . . . . . | 40 | 54 | 153 |

(d) and (e) As on 1-4-80, there were 22,341 'C' class unmanned level crossings on the Indian Railways.

Manning of level crossings is undertaken by the Railways at the instance of the State Government, Local Authority, who bears the initial and recurring expenditures. Railways also on their own man hazardous level crossings, 1067 level crossings have been manned during 1980—85 and about 200 level crossings on an average are being manned every year.

**Recession in Shipping Industry**

278. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian shipping industry continues to reel under an unabated recession and, if so, what are the detailed reasons therefor; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government during the last two years to mitigate the hardship of the shipping industry and what has been the outcome of these steps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Indian shipping industry which operates in international environment continues to suffer from global recession, arising out of overtonnage in relation to cargo.

(b) Various measures taken or are under consideration of Government during last two years to assist the shipping industry include reschedulement of Shipping Development Fund Committee loans and interest, re chedulement of SAFAUNS loans and interest, for the period after 31-3-1983, cargo support to Indian shipping industry through enforcement of UNCTAD Liner Code, greater insistence on strict observance of the policy of buying f.o.b. and selling c.i.f., simplification of procedures relating to matters of scrapping of Indian flag ships, reduction/exemption from customs and excise duties, waiving sales tax, simplification of procedure for buying and selling of ships, permitting shipping companies to acquire specialised modern fuel efficient ships needed for Indian trade, permitting diversification of shipping companies in the related oil industry through acquisition/management of DSV's, multi-support vessels etc. As a result of above steps, shipping companies continue to operate their ships and are weeding out old and uneconomic tonnage.

**New airports in Delhi and Bombay**

279. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering proposals to set up new

airports in Delhi and Bombay to meet the future requirements of air traffic of the two cities; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a proposal to use Safdarjung Airport, Delhi for Vayudoot Services, if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Although there is no proposal for setting up new airports at Delhi and Bombay, the future requirements of air traffic would be met by setting up new modules.

(b) The operational feasibility of Vayudoot operations from Safdarjung Airport is being examined.

**Illegal eye camps**

280. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several eye surgeons in the country continue to organise illegal eye camps in the different parts of the country;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take against the eye specialists/ Surgeons who are organising and conducting these camps illegally; and

(c) whether rules and guidelines made for such eye camps by the Central and the State Governments are being followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) In accordance with the guidelines issued by the Government, it is mandatory to obtain prior permission from the District Health Authorities for organising Eye Camps and also to provide necessary pre and post-operative care. These guidelines are applicable also to Eye Camps organised through assistance by international agencies. In the event of non-compliance with any of the guidelines, State Governments take action against the defaulters, such as (i) debarring them from holding Camps in future, (ii) withdrawal of cash assistance, and (iii) institution of criminal proceedings, if *prima facie* case of negligence is made out.

**Winding up of Shipping Development Fund Committee**

281. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 422 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd July, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a final decision to wind up the Shipping Development Fund Committee;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and what alternative arrangements have been made by Government; and

(c) the extent to which the alternative arrangements are likely to provide better finance and maintenance of ports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Final decision to wind up Shipping Development Fund Committee, which would involve certain legislative enactment, has yet to be taken by the Government.

(b) and (c) The proposal to wind up Shipping Development Fund Committee and to set up new arrangements to provide institutional finance to the Shipping industry has been under consideration keeping in view the importance of the shipping industry and special nature of issues involved and to move the shipping industry to an arrangement where the required credit will be made available through financial institutions. Such an arrangement